

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1086 - HB 906

February 20, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the State Election Commission to meet in any city in Tennessee, rather than only Nashville.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent the State Election Committee (EC) elected to have one of its 12 monthly meetings in a city other than Nashville, the minimum increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$300. To the extent the EC elects to have all 12 of its monthly meetings in Kingsport (the city which requires the most travel for members), the maximum increase in state expenditures is estimated to be no more than \$9,100. The timing of such estimated impacts is unknown and dependent upon decisions of the EC.

Assumptions:

- The State Election Commission meets monthly.
- According to the Secretary of State, members are reimbursed \$0.47 per mile driven.
- According to the Secretary of State, members currently travel a combined 2,046 miles round trip to attend meetings in Nashville resulting in a reimbursement cost of \$962 per meeting (2,046 x \$0.47).
- Members are also eligible to receive reimbursement for lodging at a cost of \$107 per night and meals at a cost of \$49.50 per day.
- A meeting in Memphis would result in combined travel miles of 3,430, a cost of \$1,612 (3,430 x \$0.47), an increase of \$650 per meeting (\$1,612 - \$962).
- Memphis lodging is reimbursed at \$95 per night and meals at \$45.75 per day. The Coordinator of Elections and at least one staff member would travel to a meeting in Memphis, resulting in increased lodging and food expenditures.
- A meeting in Kingsport would result in combined travel miles of 3,658, a cost of \$1,719 (3,658 x \$0.47), an increase of \$757 per meeting (\$1,719 - \$962).
- Kingsport lodging is reimbursed at \$77 per night and meals at \$34.50 per day. The Coordinator Elections and at least one staff member would travel to a meeting in Kingsport, resulting in increased lodging and food expenditures.

- Having 12 meetings in Kingsport would result in increased mileage reimbursements of \$9,084 ($\757×12).
- Any savings resulting from lower lodging and meal reimbursements will be offset by an increased number of members claiming travel reimbursements.
- Meetings in Kingsport would likely cause the maximum recurring increase in state expenditures estimated to be \$9,084 (for 12 meetings). Given that meetings can occur in other places within Tennessee under this bill, the minimum increase in state expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$4,000 (for 12 meetings). The minimum increase in state expenditures for one meeting in another Tennessee location is estimated to exceed \$333 ($\$4,000 \text{ minimum} / 12 \text{ annual meetings}$).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucian D. Geise', written in a cursive style.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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